

elected species drawn to substrates with extendible properties does not exclude a step of shrinking a substrate. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of at least claims 3-5.

Claims 1, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges claim 1 includes new matter that is not supported in the originally filed disclosure. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this assertion. Particularly, the specification clearly supports a substrate that is made of an irreversible elongate material and has a photo-shrinking property (see for example, paragraphs [0185] and [0186]). Thus, there is ample support in the original disclosure for the features of independent claim 1, and claims 6 and 7 depending therefrom. That is, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, and claims 6 and 7, fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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